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Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 6, 1997. A petition for a two month extension of time, from April 6, 1997 to June 6, 1997, is submitted. A list of the pending claims, as amended, is attached for convenience as Appendix A. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the subject application as follows:
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following new paragraphs: "This invention was made with government support under Cooperative Agreement 70NANB5H1030 awarded by the Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Advanced Technology Program. The Government has certain rights in the invention."

On page 20, line 5, after "DNAPTag" please insert-- Figure 6 shows the hairpin of SEQ ID NO:15 annealed with the primer of SEQ ID NO:17--.